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SUBJECT: SOVIET NOTE TO SWISS REGARDING GDR MEMBERSHIP
IN UPU

SUMMARY: AT TRIPARTITE MEETING OCTOBER 30, ALLIED REPS
HAD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF SOVIET NOTE SENT TO SWISS
ON SUBJECT GDR MEMBERSHIP UPU. INITIAL REACTION OF ALL
WAS THAT RESPONSE TO NOTE PROBABLY SHOULD BE MADE AND
THAT GUIDANCE OF CAPITALS SHOULD BE REQUESTED.
ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON POSSIBLE
ALLIED REACTION TO NOTE. END SUMMARY

1. FRG REP (KASTRUP) AT OCTOBER 23 FULL BONN GROUP
MEETING PASSED TO ALLIED REPS COPIES IN FRENCH OF
SOVIET NOTE OF AUGUST 24 REGARDING GDR MEMBERSHIP IN
UPU AND OF SWISS TRANSMITTAL NOTE. EMBASSY TRANSLATION
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OF SOVIET NOTE FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT THE MINISTRY OF

FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE U.S.S.R. PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF SWITZERLAND AND HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF NOTE NO. 123 OF JUNE 25, 1973 CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP OF THE GDR IN THE UPU. WITH RESPECT TO THE DECLARATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE U.S.A., GREAT BRITAIN, AND FRANCE ON POSTAL RELATIONS WITH BERLIN (WEST), DECLARATIONS WHICH WERE PUBLISHED BY NOTE OF THE FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION (NO.74 DATED JUNE 1, 1973), THE MFA OF THE U.S.S.R. WISHES TO MAKE IT KNOWN THAT THE POSITION OF THE SOVIET UNION WITH REGARD TO THE SITUATION OF BERLIN-WEST AS WELL AS CONCERNING THE REGULATION AND NECESSITY FOR MAINTAINING ITS TRAFFIC WITH THE ENTIRE WORLD REMAINS UNCHANGED. THIS POSITION RESTS PRIMARILY ON INDISPUTABLE FACT THAT BERLIN-WEST IS LOCATED IN THE INTERIOR OF THE TERRITORY OF THE SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENT OF GDR AND THAT ITS TIES WITH THE ENTIRE WORLD MUST BE DULY ASSURED AND RESPECTED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THIS STATE. THE MINISTRY WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO THE SWISS EMBASSY IF IT WOULD COMMUNICATE THIS NOTE TO THE FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION WITH THE REQUEST THAT THIS NOTE BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE UPU. THE MINISTRY TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. MOSCOW AUGUST 24, 1973. END TEXT. KASTRUP SAID THAT FRG WOULD BE RAISING NOTE WITH ALLIES AGAIN IN NEAR FUTURE. COMMENT: SINCE SOVIETS REQUESTED IN NOTE THAT SWISS CIRCULATE TEXT TO ALL UPU MEMBERS, EMBASSY ASSUMES DEPARTMENT HAS TEXT. WE WOULD SUGGEST, IF IT HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, THAT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO OBTAIN COPY OF ORIGINAL RUSSIAN TEXT FOR DIRECT TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH.

2. AT OCTOBER 30 TRIPARTITE MEETING ALLIED REPS AGREED THAT SOME KIND OF ALLIED RESPONSE TO SOVIET NOTE WAS IN ORDER AND THAT BEST COURSE WOULD BE TO CALL ON EXPERT COUNSEL IN CAPITALS FOR GUIDANCE ON PREFERRED PROCEDURE. ALLIED REPS AGREED THAT MOST OBJECTIONABLE PART OF
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SOVIET NOTE WAS INDICATION THAT "SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND INTERESTS" OF GDR MUST NOT BE AFFECTED BY WSB LINKS WITH REST OF WORLD.
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